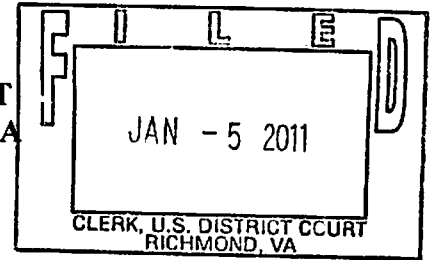


**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF VIRGINIA  
RICHMOND DIVISION**



**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,**

**Plaintiff**

**v.**

**CASE NO. 3:10CR320**

**MALIK D. DA SILVA,**

**Defendant.**

**REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION OF THE MAGISTRATE JUDGE**

This matter is before the court pursuant to Title 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1)(B) and (b)(3) upon the Defendant's request to enter a plea of guilty pursuant to Fed. R. Crim. P. 11. The matter was presented to the court upon the written consent of the Defendant and counsel for the Defendant to proceed before a United States Magistrate Judge, said consent including the Defendant's understanding that she consented to not only having the Magistrate Judge conduct the hearing and enter any order of forfeiture, if applicable, but also to having the Magistrate Judge make necessary findings and accepting any guilty plea as may be entered that could not be withdrawn except for fair and just reason.

The court accepted the Defendant's waiver of his right to proceed by indictment after specific inquiry was made of the Defendant as to his understanding of the right to require prosecution by indictment. The Defendant pled guilty to Count One of the Information in open court and pursuant to a Rule 11 inquiry. Upon consideration of the responses and statements made by the Defendant under oath, on the record, and statement of facts presented, the court makes the following findings:

1. That the Defendant is competent to enter a plea of guilty;
2. That the Defendant understands the nature of the charge against him to which his plea is offered;
3. That the Defendant understands what the maximum possible penalties are upon conviction of the offense charged, including any mandatory minimum periods of confinement, the effect of any required term of supervised release, the loss of various civil rights (if applicable, including the right to vote, the right to hold public office, the right to own and possess a firearm), the possibility of adverse immigration consequences (if applicable), the required imposition of a special assessment, forfeiture of real and/or personal property (if applicable), and restitution (if applicable);
4. That the Defendant understands the federal sentencing guidelines may be considered by the court with regard to the imposition of sentence and that the sentencing court may depart from any recommended level;
5. That the Defendant understands his right to persist in a plea of not guilty and require that the matter proceed to trial with all the rights and privileges attending a trial, including, but not limited to: the right to effective assistance of counsel; the right to use the power and processes of the court to compel evidence on the Defendant's behalf; the right to confront and cross-examine adverse witnesses; the right to present relevant evidence; the right to remain silent; and the right to trial by jury; and
6. That the plea of guilty entered by the Defendant was knowingly

and voluntarily made with full knowledge of the consequences and with  
an independent basis in fact to support said plea.

Accordingly, the court accepted the Defendant's plea of guilty to Count One of the  
Information and entered judgment of guilt on the subject charge. It is therefore the  
recommendation of this court that its findings, including the acceptance of the Defendant's plea of  
guilt and resulting judgment of guilt, be adopted.

Let the Clerk forward a copy of this report and recommendation to the Honorable James R.  
Spencer and to counsel of record.

It is so Ordered.

/s/  
Dennis W. Dohnal  
United States Magistrate Judge

Dated: 5/11 - 5 2011

#### NOTICE

The Defendant is advised that he may file specific written objection to this report and  
recommendation with the court within fourteen (14) days of this date. If objection is noted,  
the party objecting must promptly arrange for the transcription of the relevant record and file  
it forthwith with the court for its use in any review. Failure to object in accordance with  
this notice, including the requirement for preparation of a transcription of the relevant  
portions of the record, will constitute a waiver of any right to *de novo* review of the matter  
and may result in adoption of the recommendation, including the finding of guilt as entered  
by the magistrate judge.